

PRIDE PRESS

North Bend Elementary School
Jim Frazier, Principal

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Dear Parents and Families,

Winter Concert is scheduled for December 13th beginning at 7:00 p.m. First and third grade students are excited to share their program with friends and family. We would like to thank our parent volunteers, Dan Thompson, and to the students for their extraordinary efforts in preparing for the program. Seeing and hearing children perform holiday music is something very special as we celebrate the season.

Parking Lot – we need your help in making the drop-off and pick-up areas safe. There are some obvious challenges with the amount of traffic before and after school. Please drive carefully and always be looking for students loading and unloading from cars. Do not block the intersection and/or the circle drive. Our busses cannot get into the loading area when cars are stopped waiting in the circle drive outside the parked vehicles. Thank you for your support in helping solve this continuing problem.

North Bend Elementary School has been selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card. NAEP is an ongoing assessment of what young Americans know and can do in various academic subjects. Given to over 1 million students throughout the U.S. in 2007, NAEP will show how students in Washington perform compared to other states and the country as a whole.

All of our 4th grade students will take the assessment on February 8, 2007 in reading and mathematics. *All responses are confidential and no results will be reported to or about individual students or schools.*

NAEP data and results are often used by policy makers to make decisions regarding education. To help guide these decisions, NAEP asks students questions about their school experience, background, and what teachers teach in the classroom in addition to the subject matter questions. These questions do not address personal beliefs or attitudes. Students may omit any question or part of the assessment that they do not wish to answer. If you do not wish to have your child participate in the assessment, please contact our office at 831-8400.

We appreciate the participation of each child. Students who participate in NAEP will gain valuable test-taking experience and our school's participation will be beneficial in painting a picture of what our state's and country's school children are learning.

For more information about NAEP and to view test questions on-line, please visit the web site <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. A Demonstration Booklet that contains student background questions and examples of test questions similar to those asked in this year's assessment is available both at that web site and at the school office.

Winter Break begins at the end of the school day on Tuesday, December 19th. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 2nd. On behalf of the NBE staff, I want to wish each of you a wonderful time during the holidays.

Sincerely,

Jim Frazier
Principal





Items to Note ...

- * We welcome to our school: Levi Putz, Lexi Mae Putz, and Jaden George.
- * Student Store is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 12-12:30 pm.



We've brought back our aquarium and set-it up in the school office. This year, we're collecting coins and cash for a flood fund that will directly benefit families here at NBE. We'll be providing funds to help them get their homes back in order after our terrible flood right here at home.

Bring in your allowance, your coins in your piggy banks, and know that these families will appreciate our generous gift to them. If you want to make out checks, please make it out to NBE PTA memo: "Flood fund" and we'll collect it all and distribute it to those who need it most. Thank you to the Sno-Falls Credit union for agreeing to count our coins for us at no charge. Thank you for helping fill that aquarium! Our deadline is **Monday, December 18.**

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ALENDAR:

Friday, December 8:

Read for Life
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK

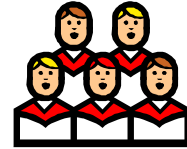


Monday, December 11:

End of Toy Drive

Wednesday, December 13:

Grade 4 to Camp Waskowitz
Winter Concert, Grade 1 and 3, 7:00 pm
Grade 2 Pioneer Days



Thursday, December 14:

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

Friday, December 15:

Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
Popcorn Friday
End of Food Drive



**Wednesday, December 20 to
Monday, January 1:**

Winter Break, No School



Friday, January 5 :

Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK

Monday, January 8:

PTA Box Top Contest starts

Thursday, January 11:

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

Friday, January 12 :

Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
PTA Artist Workshop, 1:25-3:00



Monday, January 15:

No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16:

PTA Board Meeting, 9:15 am

Friday, January 19:

Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
PTA Winter Carnival, 4-7:00 pm

